



ATHOL VETERANS COUNCIL

Athol Massachusetts 01331

MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 27, 2013

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Commanders of the Service Organizations will conduct a flag raising and wreath laying ceremony as follows:

- 9:15 A.M. - VVA Park on Starrett Avenue
- 9:30 A.M. - Phillips Park, across from the uptown common
- 9:45 A.M. - Units and parade participants will assemble around the flagpole at Highland Cemetery
- 10:00 A.M. - Ceremonies will begin under the direction of Toni Phillips, President Athol Veterans Council
- 10:45 A.M - VFW Park, adjacent to the YMCA

The Program will be as follows:

Opening prayer by Reverend Adam Randazzo, Pastor at Starrett Memorial Methodist Church.

Representatives of the following organizations will raise the flag:

- A. Disabled American Veterans Chapter 46
- B. AMVETS Post 793
- C. American Legion, Post 102
- D. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 650
- E. Pequig Detachment 1168 Marine Corps League
- F. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 340

The Athol High School/Middle School Band will play the National Anthem during the flag raising.

Memorial Day 2013 Ceremonial Order

Salute to the Flag by John Dodge, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 46 Athol, Past Chapter Commander.

Parade Grand Marshal Albert Williams, WWII Veteran and dignitaries will be introduced.

General Logan's Memorial Day Order will be read by Dustin L'Hevreux, Boy Scouts Troop 16 Eagle Scout.

Roll of Honor - The number of deceased veterans from all wars who are at rest in Athol cemeteries will be announced by various persons.

Guest Speaker – John LeNotte, Past Department Commander of the American Legion.

American Legion Auxiliary members will place a wreath, while the American Legion Firing Squad fires a gun salute to our departed veterans followed by the playing of taps by a band member.

Benediction – Reverend Adam Randazzo, Pastor at Starrett Memorial Methodist Church.

Participants will then proceed to the VFW Park adjacent to the YMCA. After tribute at the VFW Park, the Parade will form according to the Line of March. The parade will then proceed down Main Street to the Athol Veterans Park on the corner of Main and Exchange Streets for the conclusion of the program.

Final Ceremony at the Athol Veterans Park

Opening Prayer

Athol Veterans organizations will raise flag

Band will play the National Anthem during flag raising

Salute to the Flag

Guest Speaker

Grand Marshal will be introduced

Wreath will be placed

Gun salute

Taps will be played by buglers

Closing prayer

Refreshments will be served to parade participants courtesy of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 46 Athol at the American Legion Hall on the corner of Exchange Street and Pequoig Avenue.

In case of inclement weather, there will be no parade - ceremonies will be held in Memorial Hall at 11:00 A.M.